

DISCOVER GRANDE PRAIRIE

MODULE 3

Our Role in Local Government

This is a comprehensive overview. Modules will incorporate material from the content below but may not cover everything due to time constraints.

This curriculum is designed to empower students with the knowledge and tools to actively participate in local government, emphasizing the importance of leadership, involvement, and the democratic process.

Curriculum Outline

1. Local Government Election Process

- **Overview Presentation:** Introduction to the local government election process.
 - **Distinction Explanation:** Differences between county and city electoral processes.
 - **Interactive Activity:** Students review candidate profiles and discuss the qualities of effective leaders.
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2. Who's the Boss? Leadership and Active Citizenship

- **Discussion:** Exploring the concept of leadership and the role of residents in local government.
 - **Involvement Opportunities:** Ways residents can be involved, such as attending council meetings, joining committees, and participating in local events.
 - **Takeaway Activity:** Students draft a letter to the council expressing their views on a local issue.
 - **Resident Feedback:** Importance of providing feedback to local government and participating in community surveys.
 - Identifying ways to get involved and enact change in the community.
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3. Council Debate and Role of Delegations

- **Preparation:** Instruction sheet for teachers available for download to prepare students for the debate.
 - **Website Resource:** Link to the Engage web page to help the class decide on current topics for discussion.
 - **Mock Council Debate:** Focuses on the role of delegations, with students presenting and debating issues.
 - **Debate Guidelines:** Clear rules and structure provided to ensure an engaging and educational experience.
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Learning Objectives

- **Understand the local government election process**, including the differences between county and city electoral processes.
- **Learn how residents can be involved in local government** and the impact of active citizenship.
- **Recognize the importance of leadership and participation** in local government affairs.
- **Engage in a simulated council debate** to understand the role of delegations and resident feedback.